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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

Upon authenticating a user, such as via username and password information, e.g., see FIG. 6, the portal 401 can permit users to perform project development activities, such as the following: novelty or reference searching in prior or current projects, such as via key word or via organizational unit; perform searches for project related documents; view and manage a project; access an area that lists that user's tasks and the status of those tasks; and view current and closed projects for their division. Other project development activities that can be automatically performed via the system 400 are detailed in the process example illustrated in connection with FIGS. 1-3, and discussed later herein.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

At a main menu screen level, the user can enter the system 400 via portal 401 through key stroke identification or clicking-on a listed project of interest. ~~As illustrated in FIG. 6, this~~ This action on the browser-based system retrieves screens applicable to the project selected. For example, a screen 600 pops-up on the user's computer display, when a specific project identifier has been entered by an authorized user, including

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information on the project title, the project leader, the project members roster, information on task management ~~601~~ (e.g., ~~the~~ bold type matters await completion), a project resource management interface, ~~603~~, a document library and project document management window (e.g., ~~the~~ bold type matters await completion); access ~~607~~ to project e-mail via Microsoft Outlook and the like, and a timeline manager ~~609~~ indicating which process tasks have been completed ~~(large circles)~~ and which ones have not. ~~(small circles)~~.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in FIG. ~~67A~~, a button also is included on the menu for creating new projects, if desired. When that button is clicked-on, the user or evaluator is linked to a page providing electronic access to a searchable database of past and present projects within the enterprise to permit filtering for idea novelty, and access to a form for electronically submitting a new idea for consideration by an assigned review team for the subject matter of interest.

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